

Mr. Semmes on Confiscation—Duty.
From Our Own Correspondent.

It is not a benign code which demands an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth, but it is the law of a depraved being, and you must obey it or do worse. Your own spies, when captured, are hanged. Will you set at liberty those who fall into your possession? I have no manner of doubt that Wigfall and whisky, for they are one and indivisible, have been in your city, only because I know that they *could* come if they wished, and go at their pleasure. I have told you over and over again of the traitors, who bring papers for your signature in your Department, and step to

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tion. But, notwithstanding this, Col. McCook's position was far from comfortable. He saw that he was prodigiously outnumbered, and that if the enemy could only keep their wits for a few minutes, he must inevitably be captured, or venture a struggle at fearful odds. He had only about 180 men, while the rebel force exceeded 2,000. Their fire-pieces alone, destined merely to have destroyed the little Ohio band in a twinkling. But the Ohio men never flinched, and this was the reward of their bravery: The rebels, observing such a mere handful bearing themselves undaunted before their superior host, were at first amazed, and then startled into the conviction that powerful reinforcements must be close at hand. How else

FROM MARYLAND.

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BALTIMORE, June 20, 1861.

I have only heard this morning, in conversation with some Equeusian rebels, that not only is the masked battery, pitfall, and ambuscade system to be resorted to, wherever it can be used, but that the advance of the United States army is to be resisted by hidden mines, under and across the roads and highways, which are to be blown up while our forces are crossing them. The generals and other officers should take care not to be caught in such traps. They have already been needlessly surprised by masked batteries, and a little more caution will do no harm. They have the devil to fight, and ought not to be outwitted by his satanic majesty.

While our unrelenting and rash savage foes in the South are inventing the most diabolical and unheard-

FROM CAIRO.

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The prompt occupation of all important points in Northern Missouri by Union forces, under Gen. Lyon, bids fair to prevent effectively the assembling of the Secessionists under the infamous Millita bill, in accordance with the late call of Jackson for fifty thousand men. When Jackson thus made his treason avowed and undeniable, he sprang a steel trap upon himself and his friends. Messrs. Blair and Lyon deserve great praise for their exceedingly prompt action in nipping the treason in the bud, and thus saving the State from anarchy and bloodshed. There is one extremely gratifying fact already developed throughout the State. While

THE CIVIL WAR IN AMERICA.

or Saviour Rosa.

The next day and evening are a repetition of the foregoing scene, with more plantains in view and a general air of tillage and prosperity. We are struck by the uniformity of the soil, which everywhere seems inexhaustible fertility, and by the unvarying breadth of the streams, which, but for its constantly-recurring sinuosities, might pass for a broad river. And we also remark that the little rarely thick-skinned, and susceptible of over-ripening, banana, is the principal staple of the soil, and that the verdure of the principal plantations is a tawny yellow, the verdure of the principal trees of magnolias in full flower, and of various oaks peculiar to this region, and which, though never rising to the dignity of that noble tree in higher latitudes, are many of them extremely graceful. All this sylvia of moderate size are interwoven with creepers, and at intervals we see the Spanish moss, indicating the maluric exhalations of the soil benefit. In the Indian corn, upon which the people are principally fed, and upon which the light of two feet, and we are told that, in consequence of the war, it is sown in greater breadth than usual. The cotton plant is but just peeped above the earth, and, according to the *tyesopere*, those

MOBILE, Sunday, May 11.

The waters of two rivers fall into the head of Bay of Mobile, which is, in fact, a narrow sea creek between low, sandy banks, covered with live oak and cypress trees, broken here and there by small islands, and extending for about twenty miles inland, with a breadth varying from three to seven miles. No attempt has been made apparently to improve the waters of this bay, which docks or wharves for the numerous small boats which lie out at the mouth of the bay, where there but twenty-five miles from Mobile. The bay is, however, so shallow that it is difficult to get the steam boats to be sent down to the mouth of the bay, and the number of men sent out to the cotton season in loading the barge, and the expense of the cotton season in loading the barge, is very great, and transferring the cargoes to the ships is very considerable, and their rate of passage is high.

The barge entertained by the merchant captains of the shore is well known, and the shippers are delighted